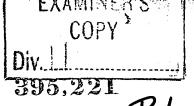
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Improvements in or relating to Ventilated Insoles for Boots and Shoes.

I, Otto Müller, of No. 52, Bethmannstrasse, Frankfurt on the Main, Germany, of German Nationality, do hereby delare the nature of this invention and 5 in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement:-

This invention relates to a ventilated 10 insole which is arranged between the outer sole and the inner sole of the shoe and is intended firstly to impart a good supporting surface adapted to conform to the shape and unevennesses of the foot 15 and secondly to allow a perfect accommodation of the perspiration of the foot.

The ventilated insole according to the invention consists of a grid-shaped framework composed of narrow bars 20 arranged on the edge to form a supporting surface without raised portion, which hars only occupy a small percentage of the total surface area as compared with the spaces within the bars, 25 ventilated insole being fitted between the remaining parts of the shoe so that airfilled spaces and the bars are directly in contact with the inner sole of the shoe, whereas on the side directed towards the 30 outer sole the spaces are preferably provided with a thin covering.

By this construction the frame work can easily vield laterally and in itself under the pressure of the foot resting 35 thereon, so that it adapts itself to all unevennesses of the foot. Moreover the perspiration of the foot can pass through perforations in the insole, into the spaces of the framework, the continuous alter-40 nating compression and expansion of the framework during walking exerting a

favourable suction effect. The framework may be produced with the aid of relatively thick textile threads 45 which are woven or plaited to form the grid and thus form the supporting sur-

face, or a flat solid material of the necessary thickness can be pressed or stamped so that the ribs or bars of the 50 necessary thickness are formed at suit-Rubber is most able distances apart. suited for making the ventilated insole

according to the latter procedure.

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Insoles of different kinds are known in which a grid-shaped layer of rubber or 55 the like is employed, these insoles being covered towards the ordinary inner and open towards the outer sole of the shoe so that they are not capable of accommodating the moisture entering from the insole. The known insoles are likewise mostly provided with raised portions or projections on one or both sides, within which the air circulates, whereas according to the invention both the upper and lower sides of the framework form a uniformly high and therefore level surface on both sides.

An embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which:-

Fig. 1 shows in perspective view the arrangement of the ventilated insole between the ordinary outer and inner sole of the shoe.

Fig. 2 is a cross section showing the ventilated insole in a shoe.

Fig. 3 shows in perspective view a ventilated insole made of pressed solid material.

In the drawing b designates the ventilated insole which according to the construction illustrated in Fig. 1 is composed of plaifed textile threads, whereas in Figs. 2 and 3 it is stamped from solid rubber material. This insole b is formed by bars of maximum height of a few millimetres, and arranged so that they only occupy a small percentage of the total surface area as compared with the spaces within the bars.

The framework of this insole is so firm that it is sufficiently resistant to serve as supporting surface even under full load.

An ordinary shoe inner sole a provided 95 with perforations is arranged over the ventilated insole b. Consequently the perspiration from the foot can pass through the shoe inner sole a into the The 100 spaces in the ventilated insole b. spaces of the insole b are provided on their lower side with a covering c which is so constructed that no moisture can penetrate into the interior of the shoe and consequently the shoe inner sole a 105

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and the foot remain dry. The waterknown manner with an adhesive substance by means of which it adheres to supporting surface without projecting the framework forming the ventilated insole b. The under side of the framework directed towards the outer sole of as compared with the spaces within the the shoe has a coating of waterproof bars, is arranged between the outer and tightly adhering elastic material such as perforeted inner soles of the shoe so that 10 tightly adhering elastic material such as perforated inner soles of the shoe so that layer is coated in a similar manner if the ventilated insole is pressed or stamped 15 from solid material as illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3.

2 and 3.

The ventilated insole b is arranged between the shoe inner sole a and the filling composition d or, if this is omitted, 20 between the shoe inner sole a and the outer sole e, so that the open spaces of the ventilated insole b are directly below the perforated shoe inner sole a and it rests with its waterproof layer c on the composition d or directly on the outer sole e.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of my said invention and in what manner the same is 30 to be performed, I declare that what I claim is

1.-A boot or shoe, characterized in proof layer c consists preferably of a that a ventilated insole consisting of a fabric which is provided for example in grid-shaped framework formed of narrow celluloid varnish, copal varnish, rubber the spaces are directly against the shoe or a similar substance. The water proof inner sole without any covering or inter-

mediate layers.

2.—A boot or shoe as claimed in claim 45 1. characterized in that the framework of the ventilated insole is formed from solid material by stamping or pressing apertures therein.

3.—A boot or shoe as claimed in claim 50 characterized in that the framework the ventilated insole is provided with a water-proof closing layer toward the outer sole of the shoe.

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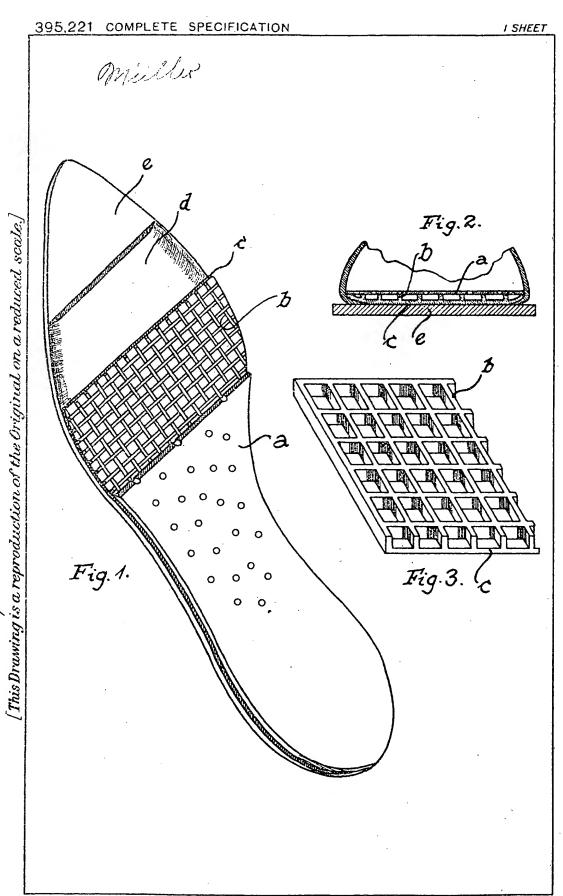
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